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THE TEACHERS ARE CHOSEN

PRYOR AND STREET GO BACK—
SOME GET SALARY RAISES...

Herbert Pryor has been re-elected superintendent of the Mexico schools. His salary is \$2,100 per year. E. B. Street succeeds himself as principal of the High School at \$1,200; C. C. Roselle, principal of Central School, \$1,200, and Mrs. Laura Houghland, principal South Side School, \$900. The following get a raise of \$5.00 per month in salary: R. L. Campbell, Misses Benson Botts, Elizabeth Gill, Archie Cook, Libus Soukup, Frances Glandon, Zola Beal, Nannie Wright, Beulah Griffin, Willie Whitson and Sallie Garrett.

The High School teachers, with the salary of each, are: Misses Benson Botts, \$90; Elizabeth Gill, \$90; Archie Cook, \$90; Libus Soukup, \$90; Miss Jesse, \$70; Frances Glandon, \$70; Edith Etheridge, \$65; James Culbertson, \$90; Robert Campbell, \$90; H. L. Collett, \$90.

Central School—Misses Vea Barley, \$65; Mary Stallings, \$55; Jennie Karnes, \$60; Frankie Cauthorn, \$60; Zola Beal, \$55; Ruth Averitt, \$50; Addie Cunningham, \$50; Mary Pryor, \$55; Beth Durkee, \$60; Hilda Brand, \$50; Nannie Wright, \$75.

South Side School—Misses Beulah Griffin, \$55; Elizabeth Price, \$70; Minnie Stallings, \$60; Willie Whitson, \$55; Sallie Garrett, \$60.

Supervisor of Music—Miss Maude Orita Wallace, \$75.

Garfield School—I. J. Hicks, principal, \$65; Harrison Douglass, \$45; Minnie Beauchamp, \$40; Anna Mosely, \$40; Hallie Holt, \$40.

Custodians—Hugh Donnelly, Central School, \$70 per month for 12 months; Charles Peters, McMillan H. S., \$65 a month for 9 months; John Judy, South Side, \$60 a month for 9 months; Mitchell, Garfield school, \$20 a month for 9 months.

Miss Hazeltnie Fry, teacher in the South Side school has resigned. Miss Fry is a graduate of the Louisiana, Mo., High School, where her home now is but we have not learned what her plans are. Her many friends here will regret to see her leave Mexico.

The McMillan High School Association's annual banquet is to be held tonight in the dining room at Hardin College. It will be a noted event. The speakers will be J. J. Shouse of Kingsley, Kansas, who is a member of Congress, a graduate of Mexico H. S.; Miss Martha Shea, of Cape Girardeau Normal, formerly principal of our High School, and Pendleton Dudley of New York. Miss Annie Lewis will be toastmaster.

A would-be robber walked thru the front door of Charles Schopp's home at midnight Monday and went upstairs. But the fellow stepped too heavily; Mr. Schopp heard him and caused him to flee.

In The Spring

The young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. We have a line of buggies that will please the young folk as well as the old. Beautiful in design and ranging in price from \$50.00 to \$110.00.

L. ROY FERRIS.

Lee Duncan of Mexico, late secretary for County Farm Adviser E. W. Rusk, has accepted a like position under Mr. Rusk, who is now Farm Adviser of Adams County, Ill.

One negro near Auxvasse Saturday night hit another negro over the head with a fence post, which resulted in the death of the latter. There had been boozing and crap playing.

EAST END NOTES

Mrs. Emmons of Mexico in W. C. T. U. Work.

Vandalia, Mo., May 18.—A good rain visited this part of the county today.

Crops and pastures all look well, but chinch bugs are reported to be numerous in fields of rye and some fields of wheat.

A. L. Darnell and family visited Mr. Darnell's mother near Curryville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Moore attended the lecture at Pleasant Plains Sunday night.

Ed. Webber of Laddonia was visiting his sons, Grover and Edwin, last week.

Mrs. S. P. Emmons of Mexico met with the Cuivre W. C. T. U. at Mrs. Emma Middleton's Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Emmons lectured Saturday night at Central Union and at the Pleasant Plains Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 8 o'clock, also at Mt. Olivet Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, organizing a W. C. T. U. at the latter place. Her lectures are grand and were very much appreciated by all.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Prairie View church, after a lapse of seven years, has revived her Sunday school. The first of the month the school was organized under favorable conditions. Scott Kerr was chosen superintendent; Geo. Hudson, secretary, and Miss Fannie Brown, organist. There are five classes with a total enrollment of 28 besides officers and teachers. A satisfactory showing for a church of only 14 members and it evinces a determination worthy of a good cause. Let no one be discouraged because the school is small. The day of little things is often the forerunner of great things.

In the afternoon of the 16th a number of the members of the school attended the Township S. S. convention at Bethel, two miles east of Prairie View, and the school was promptly enrolled.

SALT RIVER S. S. CONVENTION.

Salt River Sunday School Convention was held at Bethel church, south of Mexico, May 16. The Superintendent, Mr. Zell Weidner, had a crowd out and furnished good music. Mr. L. B. Hawthorn, Mrs. W. W. Botts, Miss Nettie Patterson, spoke on the different phases of Sunday School work. Dr. J. F. Flynt presided at the meeting.

The following officers for the coming year were elected: Mr. Scott Kerr of Prairie View, president; Hiram Threlkeld of Beaver Dam, vice-president; Miss Ruth Cook of Sunrise, secretary.

A banner is to be given at the County convention at Benton City, to the township having the largest attendance. Salt River should lead in attendance there.

The Wednesday Club at a called meeting at the Public Library Monday afternoon voted to join the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. S. P. Emmons and Mrs. Charles Leeper will as delegates attend the State Convention to be held at St. Joseph May 26. The study-work for the Wednesday Club for the coming year will consist of lessons on German modern drama and symposiums on the German classics.

HAVE A DRINK

Of pure soda pop made by the Arctic Ice and Storage Co. A case with each refrigerator under \$15.00 and 500 pounds of ice with every one over \$15.00. Same old price, no raise in price to cover price.

L. Roy Ferris.

PLAY BALL.

Sunday School Boys Publish Their Schedule.

The Mexico Sunday School baseball players have arranged to open the games for the summer on Decoration Day, May 31st. J. W. Dry will deliver a short address and pitch the first ball.

All the games will be on the Academy Military Grounds. The regular charge for admission will be 10 cents, but all persons attending Sunday school will be admitted free.

The contests will be between the teams of the Methodists, Baptists, Christians and Presbyterians, and the schedule for the season will be as follows:

May 31—Christian-Baptists.
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June 4—Presbyterians-Baptists.
June 8—Christians-Methodists.
June 11—Presbyterians-Baptists.
June 15—Presbyterians-Christians.
June 18—Methodists-Baptists.
June 22—Christians-Baptists.
June 25—Presbyterians-Methodists.
June 29—Christians-Methodists.
July 2—Baptists-Presbyterians.
July 6—Christians-Presbyterians.
July 9—Baptists-Methodists.
July 13—Baptists-Christians.
July 16—Presbyterians-Methodists.
July 20—Christians-Methodists.
July 23—Baptists-Presbyterians.
July 27—Christians-Baptists.
July 30—Baptists-Methodists.
Aug. 3—Baptists-Christians.
Aug. 6—Presbyterians-Methodists.
Aug. 10—Christians-Methodists.
Aug. 13—Christians-Presbyterians.
Aug. 17—Baptists-Methodists.

THOMPSON ITEMS.

Thompson, Mo., May 18.—We had a fine rain Tuesday, which the grass and oats were needing very badly.

The farmers are thru planting corn and cane.

Thomas Brenton and family entertained Bro. Herndon Saturday night, and he held his regular appointment at Liberty Sunday and Sunday night.

Alvin Sellers and wife entertained Bro. Arvin and wife Saturday night, and he held his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night at New Hope.

Miss Lola Spencer of Rush Hill has been employed to teach the fall and winter term of school at Hurdle.

Mrs. Sanford Curry has been quite sick, but is better at this writing.

Joe Considine and wife are at home for a few weeks. Joe has traded half interest of his store in Elgin, Kansas, to his son-in-law, Frank Wales, formerly of Mexico. Here's wishing the new firm success.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beatty visited the latter's parents, Brish Daniel and family, Sunday.

Edwin Davis and wife and George Woolery and family surprised Mrs. Sumner Davis Sunday with a birthday dinner.

Mart Sitts and family of Gant visited W. H. Dempsey and family last Tuesday.

Charles Sellers, beyond Thompson, was in to see the Message a few days ago. He says he enjoys the Message better than any country paper he ever read. He likes our stand on the issues that come up affecting the farmers and the general public. He has a nice farm (a little farm, he calls it), of 320 acres and he would not trade it for the best block of ground in the largest city of the country, and we see where he is right. Stick to the good old farm, boys, there's no place like it.

DEPOSITS BY MAIL.

Anyone Can Take Advantage of U. S. Postal System.

Every person in the United States ten years old or over may open an account in a postal savings bank after July 1st, according to an instructive leaflet on the Postal Savings System just issued by Postmaster General Burleson.

This important extension of the service will be made possible by permitting persons living in communities so sparsely settled as not to justify the designation of their local postoffice as regular postal savings banks, to open accounts by mail.

Gov. Dockery, 3rd Assistant Postmaster General, who has direct supervision of postal savings, was so impressed by appeals from all over the country to open savings accounts by mail that he took up the task some weeks ago of working out a feasible and safe method for meeting a demand well illustrated in a letter from a Saline County Missourian who resides miles from a postal savings bank.

"Having a few hundred dollars saved from fifty years of hard and assiduous labor and skimping economy on the part of my wife and myself, we concluded to deposit it in the Postal Savings Bank of ——. We wrote to the postmaster at that place and received reply to the effect that none but patrons of that office could deposit in that office, which is very disappointing news to us. Our little farm is not large enough to support us and land is so high that it is impossible for us to buy more with what little we have saved and we are so old that we can't labor much now and we would be glad to lay by enough to at least put us away in decency."

Under the plan adopted by the Postmaster General for opening accounts by mail, an intending depositor, residing where there is no regularly designated postal savings bank, will apply to his local postmaster who will see that the necessary identification data is prepared and forwarded to a nearby post office authorized to accept deposits. The depositor will then be given permission to forward his first and subsequent deposits by money order or registered mail direct to the postmaster at the banking point for which receipts or certificates will be issued. He may withdraw all or any part of his postal savings by mail and on demand together with any interest that may be due him.

The leaflet points out that any person ten years old or over may open an account in his or her own name; that an account may be opened by a married woman free from any control or interference by her husband; that post office officials are forbidden to disclose to any person, except the depositor, the amount of any deposits; that withdrawals may be made without previous notice; and that the Government guarantees to repay all deposits on demand with accrued interest.

15th ANNUAL ELECTION.

Mexico, Mo., May 6, 1915.

An election will be held on June 7th (the first Monday), 1915, for the election of seven directors to serve the Farmers' Town Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Mexico, Mo., for one year. Held at their office, corner of Jefferson and Promenade streets, second floor, Mexico, Missouri.

W. L. Kent, President,
W. L. Fowles, Secretary.

Mrs. Charles Clark is at Rochester, Minn., where her father, John X. Brown, is to be operated on today in the hospital. Mr. Brown has been very ill.

MRS. CAMPBELL DEAD.

Comes to Town from The Farm and Is Stricken.

Jessie Evelyn Lewton was born at Barry, Ill., Oct. 23, 1876, died at Mexico, Mo., May 16, 1915. The family came to Missouri when she was two years of age and she grew up in the Elm Bend vicinity. June 15, 1899, she was married to Theodore Campbell at Paris, Mo. Six children were born to them of which only two survive, Beatrix, aged 6 years, and David, in his second year.

Mrs. Campbell was converted and joined the M. E. church at Laddonia, but afterwards, with her husband, united with the Christian church at Oak Ridge, where she held her membership till her death.

The family resided on a farm south of Mexico. Mrs. Campbell was in this city Saturday afternoon and was stricken while here. The affliction was apoplexy. She was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Lon Chapman, where she passed away later without gaining consciousness.

Besides the husband and children she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lewton, and the following brothers and sisters: Charlie Lewton, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Reube McCord, Mexico; Floyd and Ralph Lewton, Laddonia; Mrs. John Day, Perry; Mrs. Lon Chapman, Mexico; Mrs. Thomas Brace, Laddonia; and Verne Lewton, Union, Neb.

John Beal, an old neighbor and friend, read Scripture and made a short talk at the Chapman home Monday morning after which the remains were taken to New Hope church, Monroe County, for burial, Mrs. Campbell's pastor, Rev. Holland, meeting the body there and conducting a short religious service at the grave.

We extend sympathy to the husband and two little children and the other relatives in their affliction.

J. T. Johnson tells us over the phone that he is getting on fine just now; much better in health. Eats everything they'll let him have and then "licks the platter". He is taking great interest in livestock and farms, tho he is unable to get away from the house. He shipped a load of sheep last Monday week and got \$9.25 on the market for them. Last Monday he shipped another load and yesterday he shipped another, getting \$9.85 for both—the highest the St. Louis market has ever paid. He has 2,000 head yet to ship.

HARDIN FETE—MISS DOUGLASS QUEEN O' THE MAY.

A Large Attendance at The New Gymnasium where Program is Given.

The May fete at Hardin College was held yesterday afternoon in the new gymnasium building the weather being too damp and inclement for the exercises to be held outdoors.

A Hardin Senior, Miss Vera Douglass, chosen by secret ballot, was Queen o' the May at the fete given Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Helen Millon was crown bearer and the ceremonies were according to ancient English custom.

A May-pole dance followed the crowning. Mendelssohn's Spring Song was given by a chorus of twelve young ladies. Folk dancing by different groups of the students and the playground exercises of the children from the South Side school were entertaining features. A well executed the difficult feature was the sword dance by Misses Mary Aid and Dixie Saracen.

Mrs. W. R. Sallee, and daughter, Inez, and Mrs. Sallee's brother, Arthur Silver, are visiting relatives at Pilot Point, Texas.

CHAMP CLARK ENDORSES NOTE

BELIEVES WE WILL HAVE NO WAR WITH GERMANY.

On the seventh page of the Message you will find under display head, a copy of the paper President Wilson sent to the German government regarding the sinking of the great ship, Lusitania, by which many Americans lost their lives.

Speaker Champ Clark has this to say about the German situation:

"The American note on the awful tragedy of the Lusitania will attract world-wide attention, not only by reason of the gravity of the situation, and the importance of the subject matter, but also by reason of the clear form and dignified statement of the case."

"In all human probability it will rank as a great state paper. The elegance of the language in which it is clothed will cause it to be universally read. It goes without saying that the situation is exceedingly ticklish and while many of our people are prone to look upon diplomacy as of little value, nevertheless, the fact remains that diplomacy has hitherto ironed out several quarrels and entanglements which seemed to pre-empt our entrance into war."

"It is apropos to cite two or three ugly situations as illustrations: First, the Mason-Slidell case during the Civil War, when President Lincoln's good sense prevented war with Great Britain. Second, the case of the Virginian where Gen. Grant's good sense saved us from a war with Spain. Third, the Venezuelan case, where Pres. Cleveland's firm and courageous declaration prevented a war with Great Britain."

"I have no doubt that President Wilson will succeed in this case as well as his illustrious predecessors succeeded in cases named in preserving peace with honor."

"The last sentence in the note, asserting the administration's determination to maintain the rights of America and Americans, will be most generously applauded. That candid, luminous, courageous American assertion is clear as crystal. One thing certain—the American people will sustain the President in this crisis, for they doubt not his ability or his patriotism."

"The ringing resolution passed by the great Southern Baptist Convention at Houston, Texas, and of Methodists and other religious bodies are indicative of American sentiment."

A ROLL CALL.

Mexico Masons in Get-Together Meeting, May 28.

The two Mexico Masonic lodges are to hold a roll call session May 28th and every member of the two bodies must either be present or write a letter stating why they are absent.

The meeting will be along the line of a get-together and get-acquainted session and there will be a lunch following the adjournment. Fully 200 Mexico Masons are expected to attend. Visiting brethren will be welcome.

We Have It

An oil stove that will successfully burn coal oil. Each stove sold on a guarantee; 2 burner, \$12.50; 3 burner, \$10.50; 4 burner, \$14.50.

L. Roy Ferris.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cleaster, and two small daughters and Mrs. Charles Locke, all of Hannibal visited G. T. Schieffer and family near Molino.

Mexico Savings Bank
Capital Stock, \$150,000.00
43rd Year in Business.
W. W. FRY, President.
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.